PRIME MINISTER'S PERSONAL MESSAGE SERIAL NO. 126A/83 RESTRICTED

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AUSTRALIAN GENERAL ELECTION: MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER 1. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD PASS THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MRS THATCHER TO MR FRASER.

BEGINS: MY DEAR MALCOLM,

YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I HAVE ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU DURING YOUR TIME AS PRIME MINISTER. THE ELECTION RESULT MUST BE VERY DISAPPOINTING FOR YOU, BUT I WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH YOUR STEADFAST HELP AND SUPPORT HAS BEEN APPRECIATED IN BRITAIN, PARTICULARLY WHEN WE NEEDED IT MOST LAST YEAR. I AM PERSONALLY VERY GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE. MAY I WISH YOU ALL THE VERY BEST FOR THE FUTURE. SIGNED MARGARET THATCHER. ENDS

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